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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2007

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2007, for which the date for response is March 2, 2007.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882KG.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants elect Group II, claims 82-102, without traverse.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4094 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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